



Tourism is good for a community



Lots of tourists visit our town but many people argue about whether that is good or bad for the community. Each side has good reasons for their point of view.

Those in favour of the tourist industry say that tourism brings money to the town and creates employment. Business owners say it promotes development in the town therefore everyone benefits from having better facilities and more shops. Supporters also argue that tourism develops a better understanding of other cultures so the townspeople become more tolerant.

People against tourism say that most of the tourist dollars are spent in international hotels owned by foreign interests so the town gets very little financial benefit. They point out that new developments have caused traffic and water supply problems that were not there in the past. In addition, they argue that there have been several unpleasant incidents in the community indicating that the local community resents tourists.

The local council tries to please both sides. It promotes tourism but restricts new development because of the traffic and water supply problems.